

## Stewardship Messages

September 2021

September 4/5, 2021

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” James 2:5***

Who is rich? Those who have money and possessions, or those who are full of faith and who put God and others first in their lives? While society tells us that “things” make one rich, God has a different message. Financial wealth and material items can bring temporary “happiness,” but often leave one feeling “empty” and wanting more. When we put faith over possessions, we are never left empty.

September 11/12, 2021

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Mark 8:34***

Living our lives as followers of Jesus means caring for others as well as ourselves. We are called to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given to us – and to share them generously. It is important to remember that living a stewardship lifestyle is not just for when it is convenient, but any time that others need my help through my God-given gifts.

September 18/19, 2021

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Mark 9:35***

We are called to be servants to one another; to help one another; to love one another. Being a servant to others means that we just share the gifts that we are given from God. In this way, we are also serving God.

September 25/26, 2021

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” Mark 9:41***

When we share our gifts with others, or when others share theirs with us, we are living as God intended. In serving others, we are serving God. Take time to ask yourself – “When did I serve God, through my service to others, today?” “How did others serve God, through their service to me, today?”